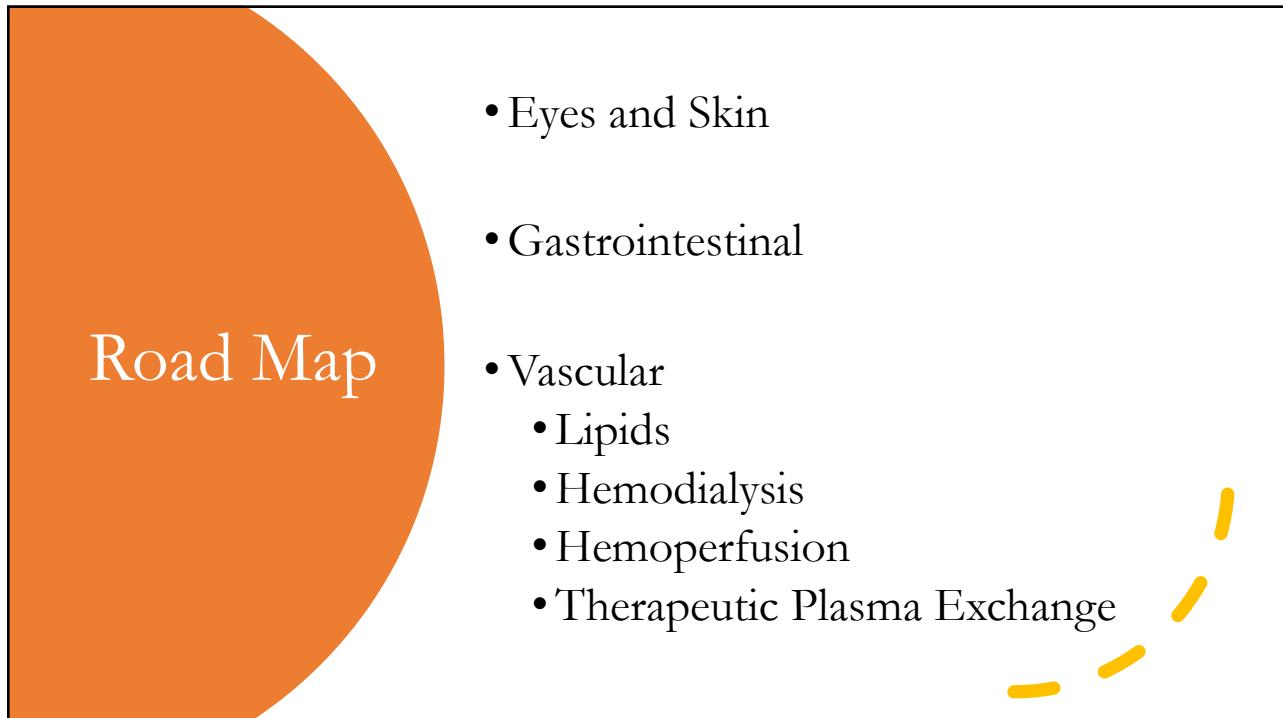


Advanced Decontamination Techniques

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Decontamination Choices

Mechanism of Action

Pharmacokinetics

Toxic Dose

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Ocular Decontamination

- Corrosive or Caustic Chemicals
 - Detergents, Tide Pods, Bleach cleaners
 - Lime
 - Cement dust or paste



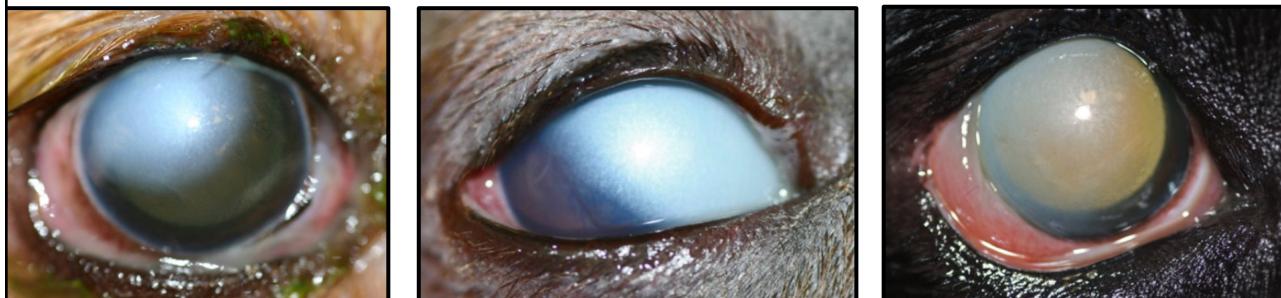
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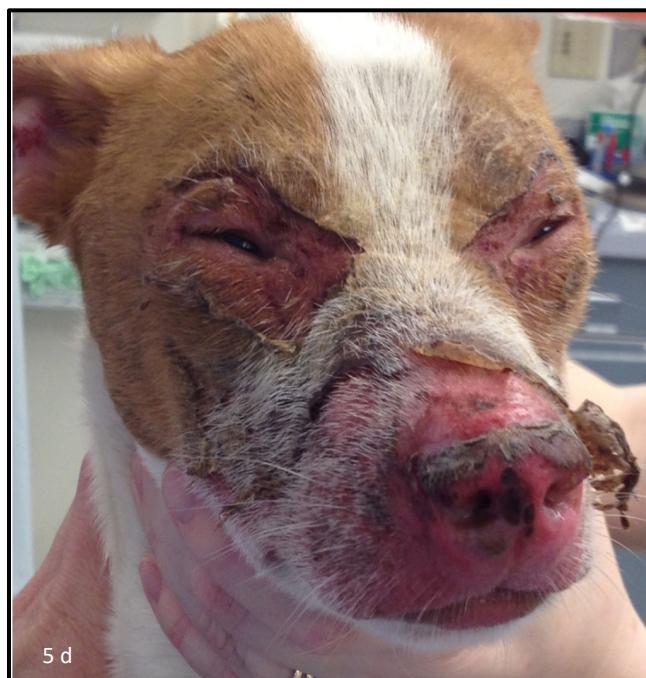
Ocular Decontamination

- Corrosive or Caustic Chemicals
 - **At home 15-20 minute lavage** with tap water
 - Corneal edema to dilute chemical in stroma
 - Rinse chemical off hair and skin with water

Busse et al., 2015



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Ocular Decontamination

- Acidic Chemicals
 - **Sulfuric Acid in Batteries**
 - **Nitric Acid in metal cleaners, rust removers and concrete cleaners**
 - **Nail Polish**



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Acidic Chemicals



- Acids precipitate tissue proteins of the cornea
- Physical barrier to deep penetration
- Superficial corneal ulcer with edema
- Lavage with saline

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Ocular Decontamination

- Sedation or Anesthesia
 - **Repeat Gentle Lavage:** 20-minute lavage with 2-3 liters saline
 - Urine pH strips – goal pH 7.5
- Treat ocular and eyelid injury
- E collar



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When Eyes Melt: 4% Acetylcysteine



1 ml

+



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Skin Decontamination



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Skin Decontamination

- Caustic or Corrosive
 - Gentle lavage: 20 minutes
- Oil Based
 - Dish degreasing soap

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Keys to Bath Success



- Ensure cardiovascular and neurologic stability
- Gloves and eye protection for staff
- Warm patient back to normal temp
- Consider a clip & focal temporary cleanse

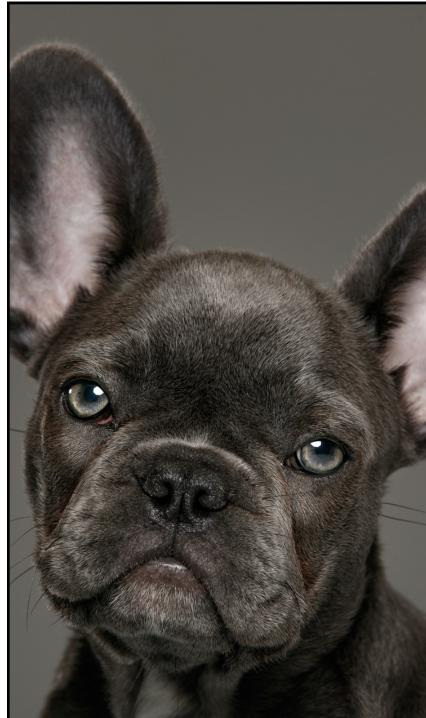
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Dermal Decontamination

- Was there oral exposure?
 - Emesis
 - Activated charcoal
 - Intravenous lipid emulsion



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GI Decontamination: Dogs

- **Apomorphine:** 0.02-0.04 mg/kg IV or IM
 - D2 Receptors in the CRTZ
- **Clevor (ropinirole):** ocular drop
 - D2 receptors in the CRTZ

Chen et al., Int J of Neuroscience. 2011. 121:45-52
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GI Decontamination: Cats

- Alpha₂ Adrenergic Agonist
 - **Dexmedetomidine 7-10 mcg/kg IV or IM**
 - Xylazine 0.5-1mg/kg IM or SQ

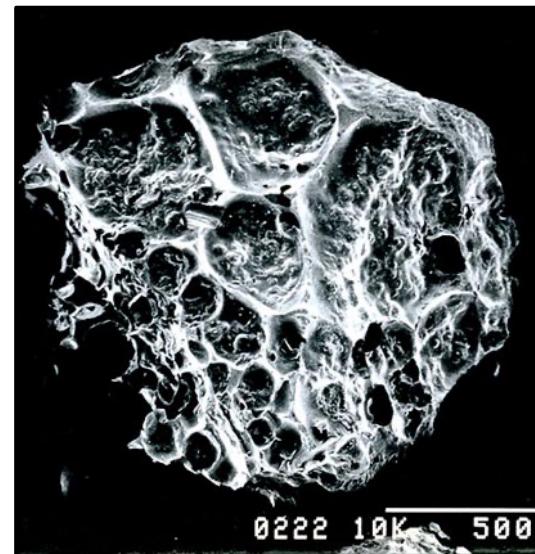


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Activated Charcoal

- Single Dose 1-5 g/kg PO
- Multi-dose 1-2 g/kg PO
- Combine with food
- **Cathartics are out**



Koenigshof AM, et al. JVECCS. 2015; 25(5): 606-610.
Wilson HE, et al. JVECC. 2013; 23(3):263-267
Mix et al., JVECC. 2017; 29:616-621

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Activated Charcoal

- Unbound Toxins
 - **Alcohols**
 - **Xylitol**
 - **Heavy metals (iron, zinc)**
 - Metaldehyde (slug/snail bait)
 - Corrosive and caustic acids/bases (detergents, bleach)
 - Petroleum products (kerosene)
 - Inorganic toxins (nitrates, ammonia)

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Cholestyramine

- Enterohepatically recirculated toxins
 - 0.1-1 grams/kg q6-8 hours
- Mechanism
 - Binds bile acids to insoluble complexes
- Caution: may contain xylitol!



Blackwell's 5 Minute Veterinary Consult Clinical Companion: Small Animal Toxicology. Wiley Blackwell. 2016
<https://www.aspapro.org/resource/what-know-about-cholestyramine-resin>

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Blue Green Algae Hepatotoxicity

Cholestyramine: 172mg/kg PO q24h

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Vascular Decontamination

- Intravenous Lipid Emulsion
- Extracorporeal Therapy
 - Hemodialysis
 - Hemoperfusion
 - Therapeutic Plasma Exchange



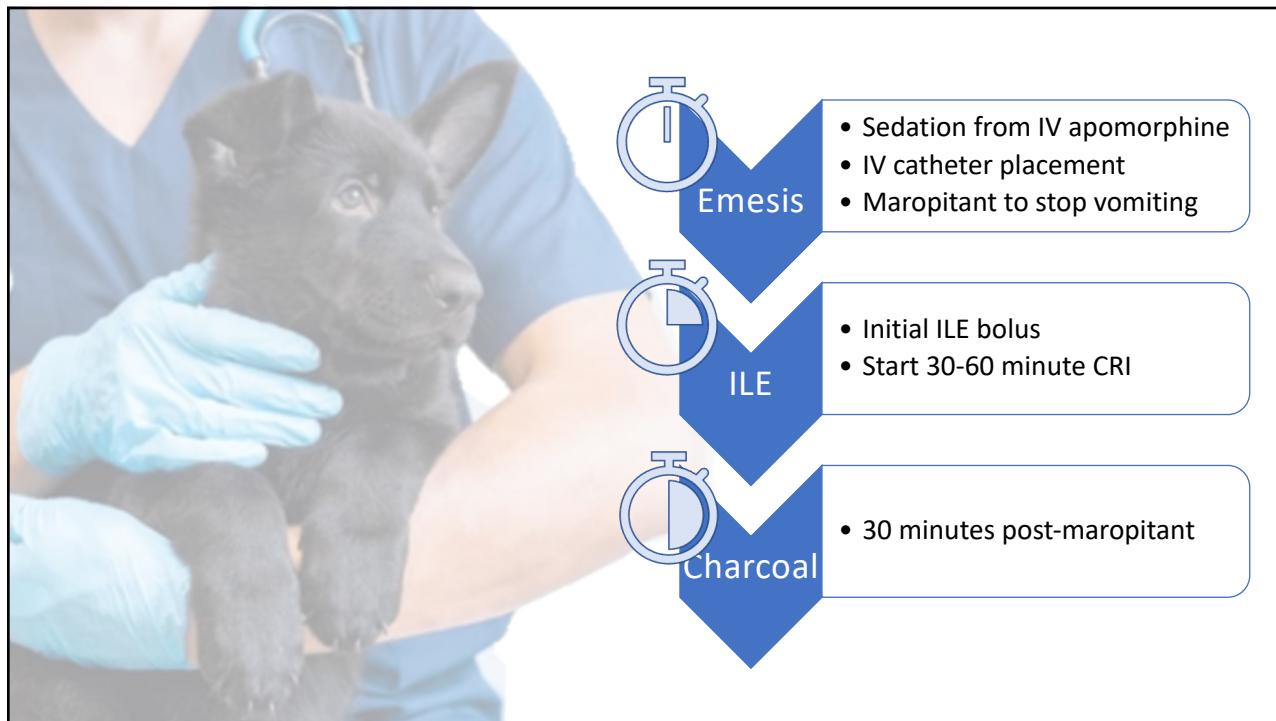
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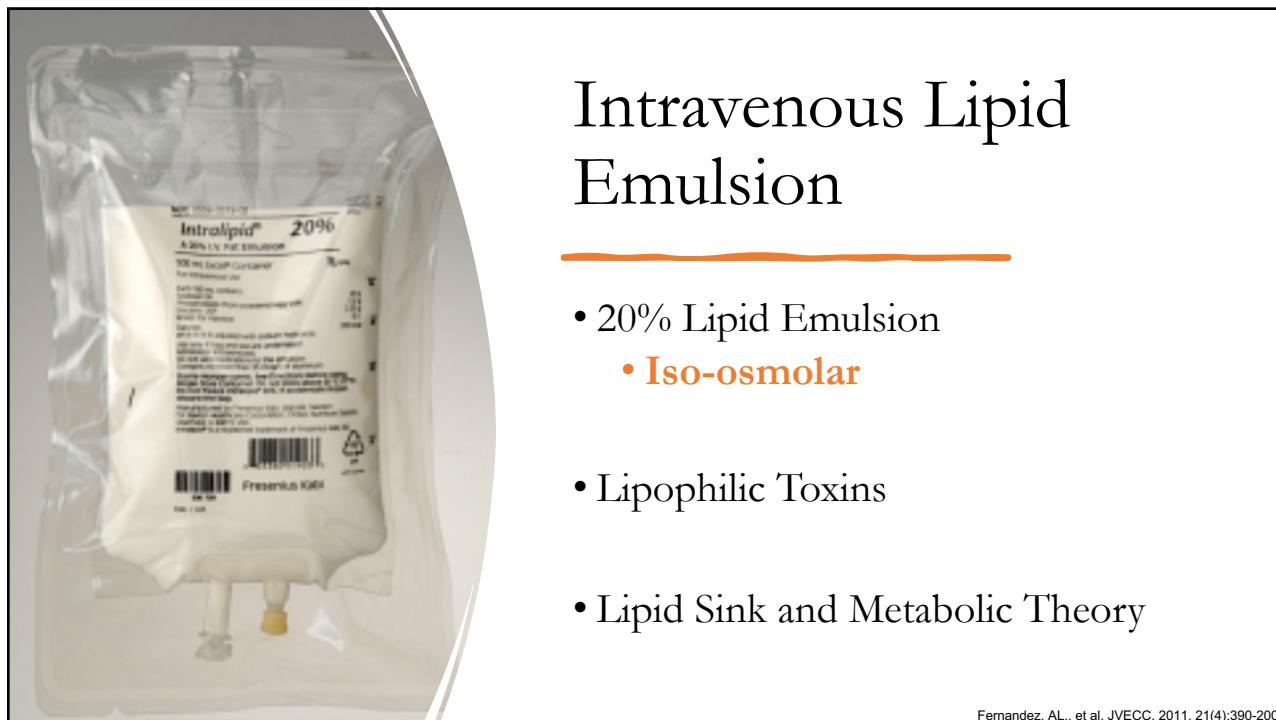
- Emesis if Possible
- Gastric Lavage
- Activated Charcoal



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Intravenous Lipid Emulsion

Lidocaine

(reverse cardiovasc
collapse)

Pyrethrins
permethrins

(resolution of signs)

Moxidectin
ivermectin

(return of vision)

Ibuprofen

(100% decreased
serum conc)

Naproxen

(60%-76% decreased
serum conc)

Ca Channel
Blockers

Beta Blockers

Baclofen

Bromethalin

(75% decreased serum
conc)

Tremorigenic
mycotoxins

(reduced recovery
time)

Marijuana

Cocaine

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Intravenous Lipid Emulsion

- Technique (off label)
 - 2mL/kg IV bolus
 - 0.25 – 0.5 mL/kg/minute CRI for 60 minutes



Fernandez, AL., et al. JVECC. 2011. 21(4):309

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Intravenous Lipid Emulsion

- Technique
- Re-dose?
 - Clear serum
 - 1.5ml/kg IV bolus q4-6hours
 - 0.5 ml/kg/hour until signs improve
 - Don't exceed 24h



Fernandez, AL., et al. JVECC. 2011. 21(4):309

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Intravenous Lipid Emulsion

- Dogs (6) and cats (2) with NSAID toxicosis
- Plasma levels of cholesterol and triglycerides
 - Prior to ILE
 - 1 hour post
 - 3 hours post
- No change in cholesterol
- Triglycerides
 - Increase at 1hr
 - 75% of animals return close to normal in 3 hours
 - **Measure to decide on the re-dose**



Daza et al. PLASMA CHOLESTEROL AND TRIGLYCERIDES MONITORING DURING INTRAVENOUS LIPID THERAPY IN PATIENTS INTOXICATED WITH NSAIDS, 2018

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Intravenous Lipid Emulsion

Effect of treatment with intravenous lipid emulsion (ILE) in 313 dogs and 100 cats with confirmed or suspected poisoning.

	Effect after ILE	Total		Improved clinical condition		Unchanged clinical signs		Worsened clinical condition	
		n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Dogs	ILE I	313	100.0	234	74.8	66	21.1	13	4.2
	ILE II	76	24.3	64	84.2	11	14.5	1	1.3
Cats	ILE I	100	100.0	54	54.0	42	42.0	4	4.0
	ILE II	20	20.0	13	65.0	7	35.0	—	—

Markert et al., Frontiers. 2023

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Intravenous Lipid Emulsion

• Adverse Effects

- 6% dogs: increased risk with ↑ doses
- 4% cats: no increased risk with ↑ doses

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Intravenous Lipid Emulsion

- Adverse Effects
 - Deactivates other drugs
 - Bacterial contamination, sepsis
 - Hypertriglyceridemia
 - Diminished consciousness
 - V/Q mismatch, apnea, ARDS
 - Bradycardia
 - Corneal lipidosis, uveitis
 - V/D, facial swelling
 - Anemia, thrombocytopenia

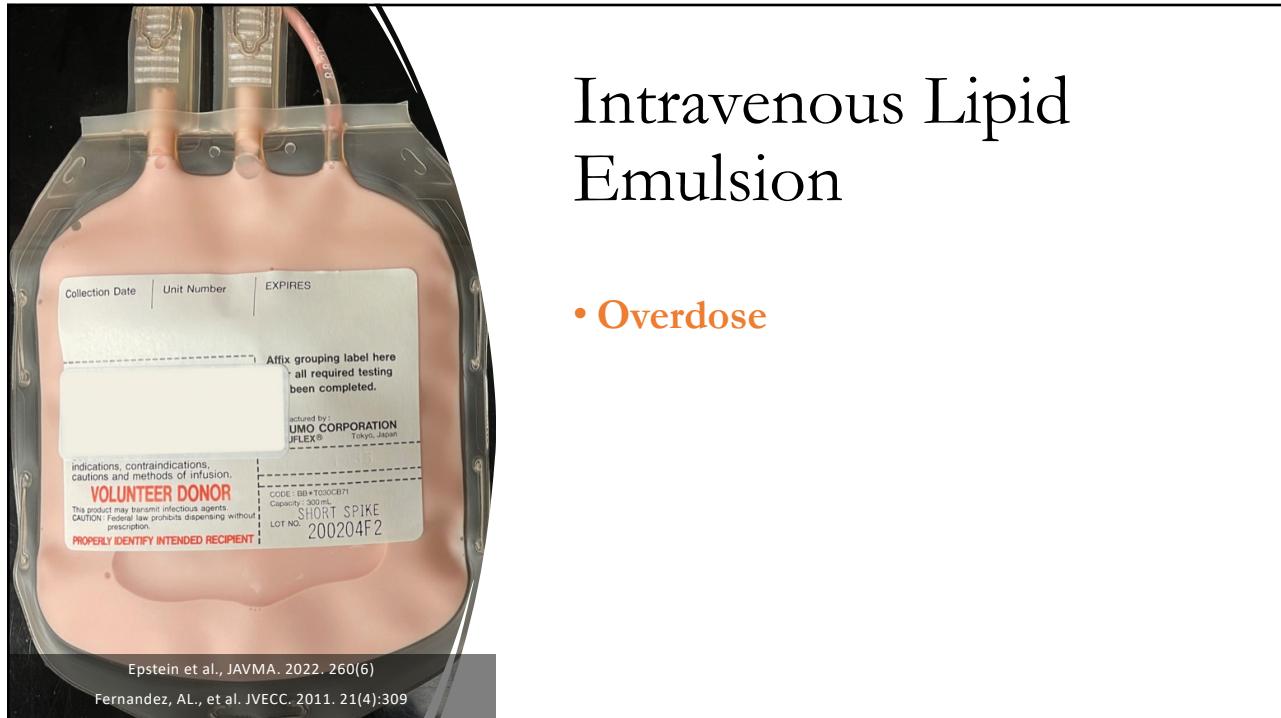
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Intravenous Lipid Emulsion

- **Extravasation**
 - Deep tissue necrosis from fat
- Treatment
 - Warm compress to liquify
 - Dry heat

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Intravenous Lipid Emulsion

- Overdose

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Hypertriglyceridemia

Cardiovascular depression

Hypoglycemia

AKI

Intravascular hemolysis

Coagulopathy

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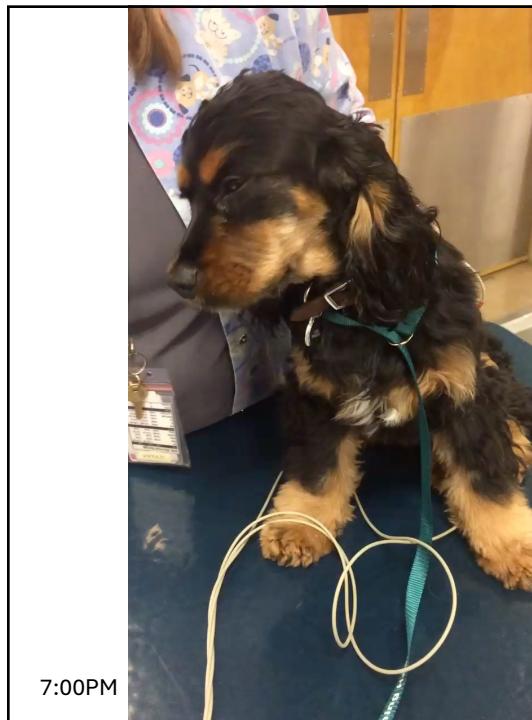


Intravenous Lipid Emulsion

- Overdose

- Heparin 75-250 u/kg SQ q6h
- Therapeutic plasma exchange

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Use of Intravenous Lipid Emulsion in Dogs With Suspected Tremorgenic Mycotoxicosis: 53 Cases

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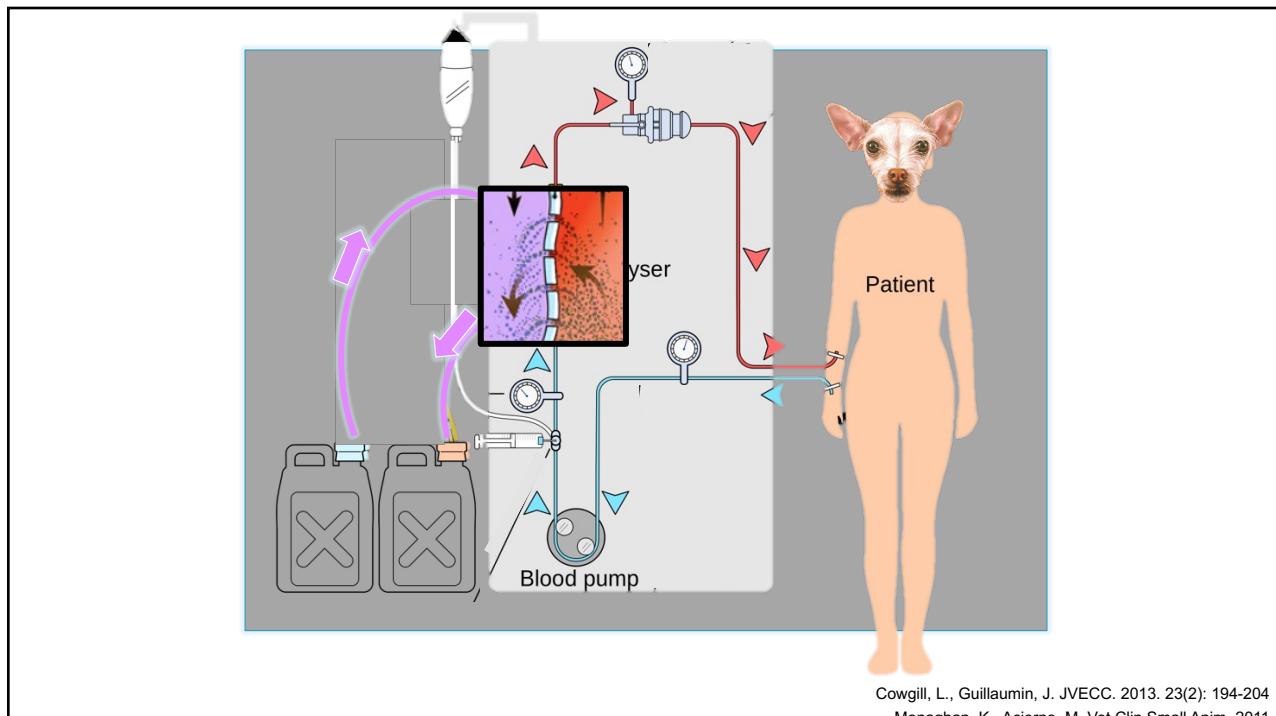
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Extracorporeal Therapies

- Indications
 - Severe, progressive signs
 - Severe consequences
 - Improved plasma clearance
 - Delayed medical treatment
 - Absence of antidotes
 - Acid Base/lyte abnormalities

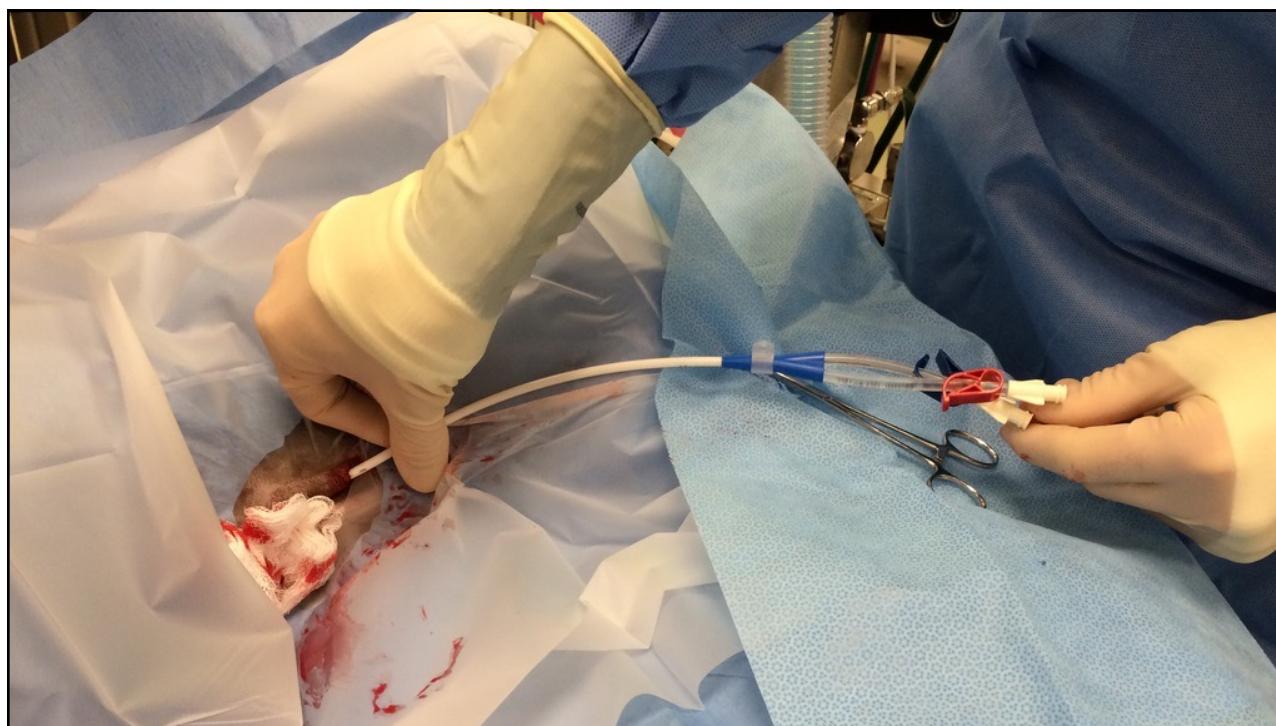


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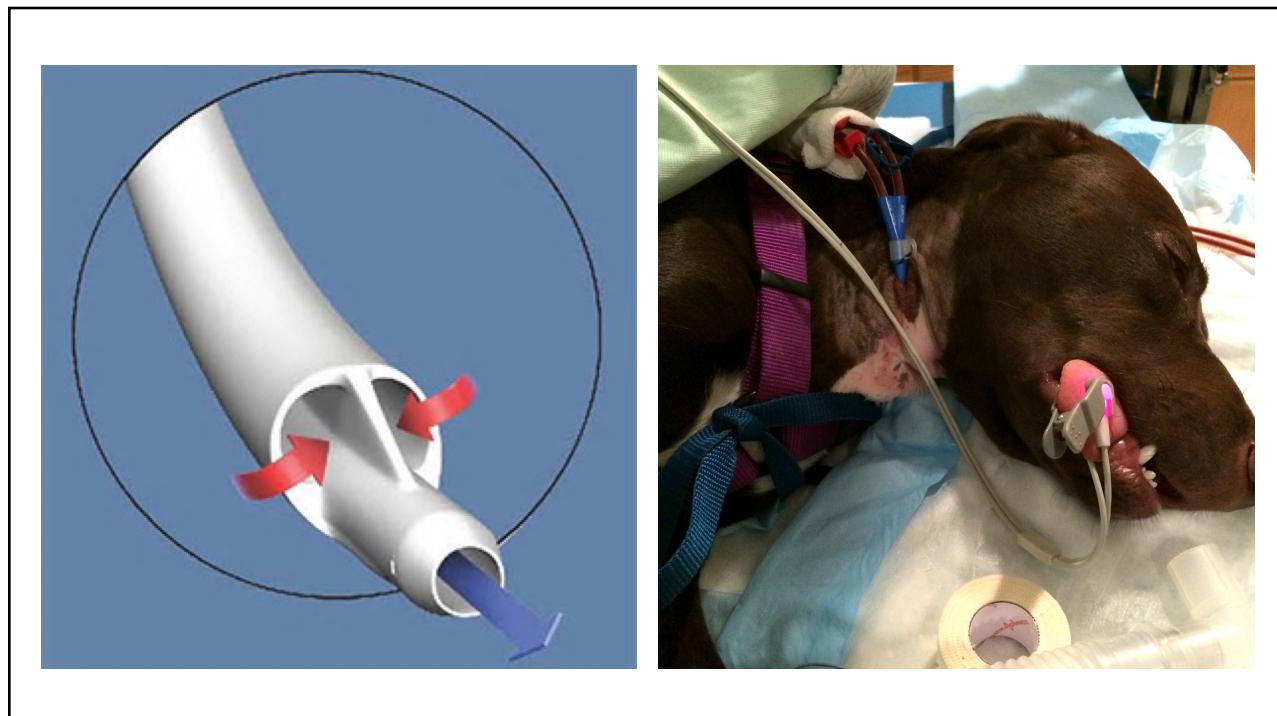
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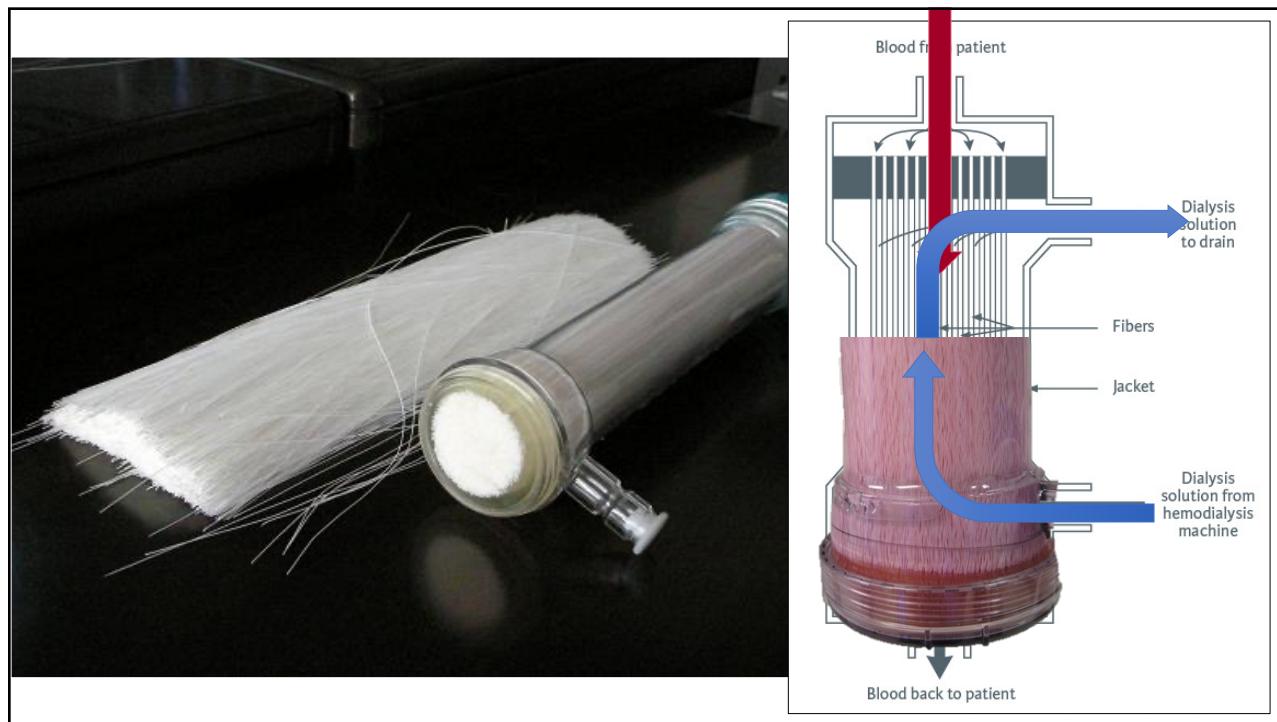


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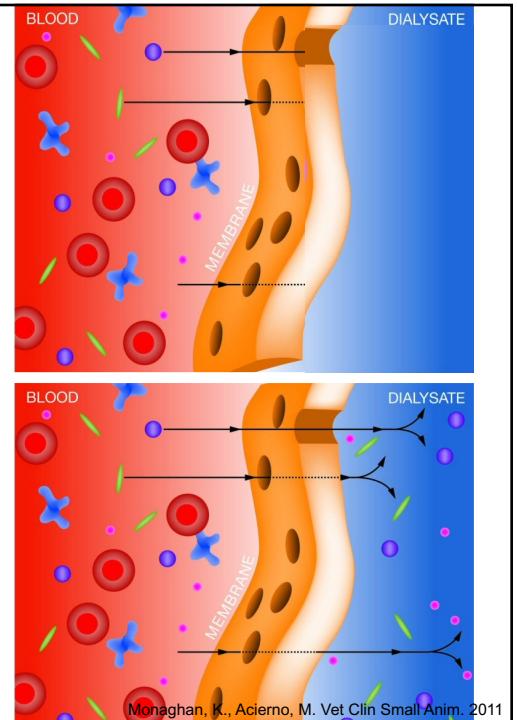
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Hemodialysis

- Ideal Toxin
 - Small molecular size
 - Low protein binding
 - Water soluble
 - Low Vd
 - No first pass hepatic metabolism



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Hemodialysis

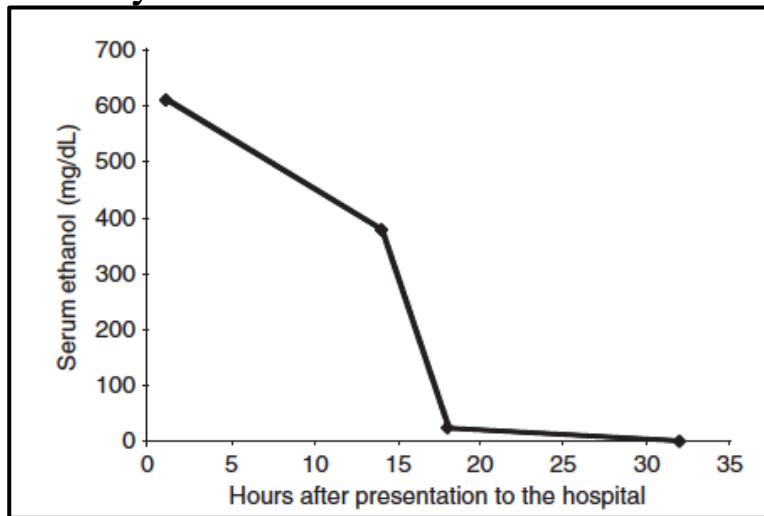
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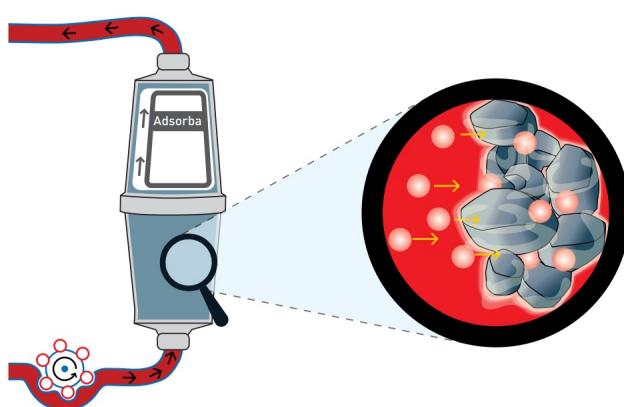
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Hemoperfusion



- Adsorbent
- Nonselective, irreversible binding
 - Large MW
 - Highly protein bound
 - Lipid soluble
 - Low Vd

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Hemoperfusion

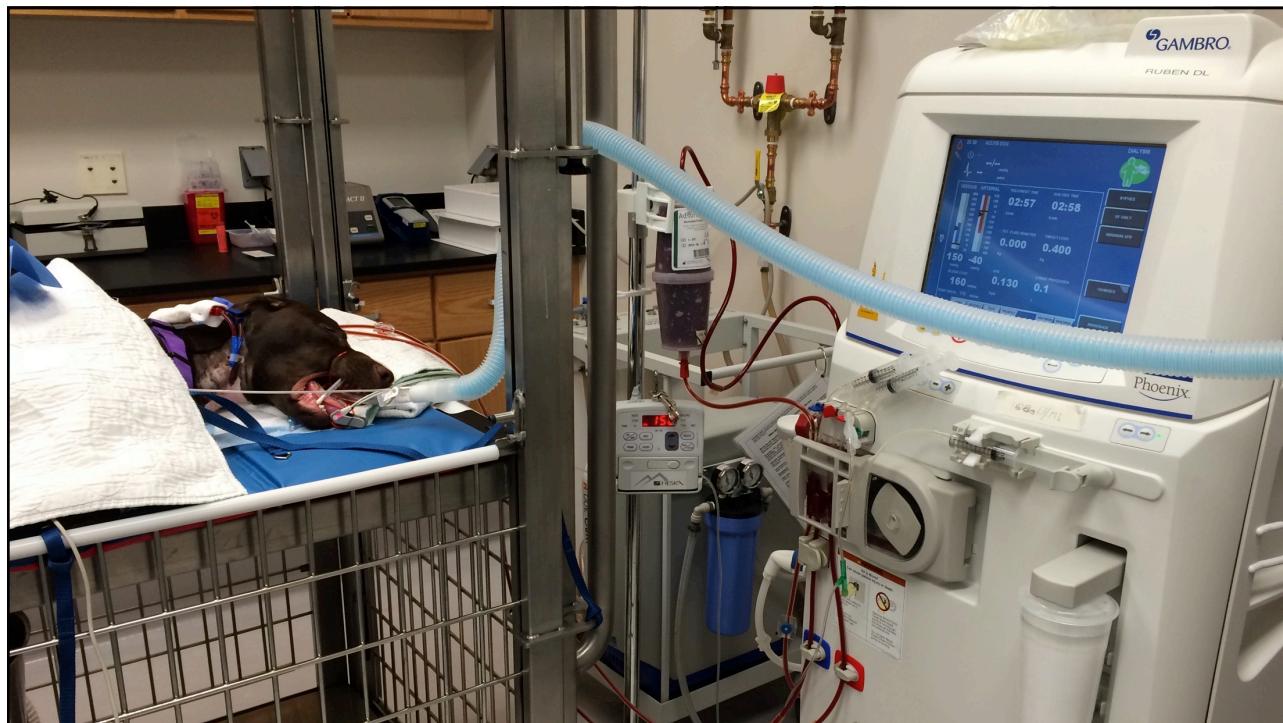
- Ultra-thin surface coat
- Challenges
 - Priming volume
 - Anticoagulation
 - Saturation



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Therapeutic Plasma Exchange

- Separate blood to components
 - Discard plasma
 - Replace with donor plasma, crystalloids, colloids
- Remove toxin and byproducts

RBC

WBC
and
Platelets

Plasma

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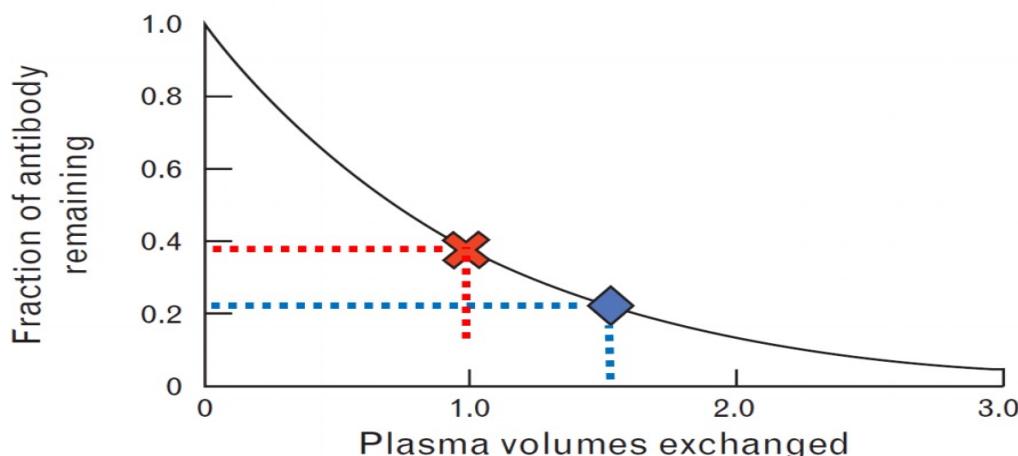
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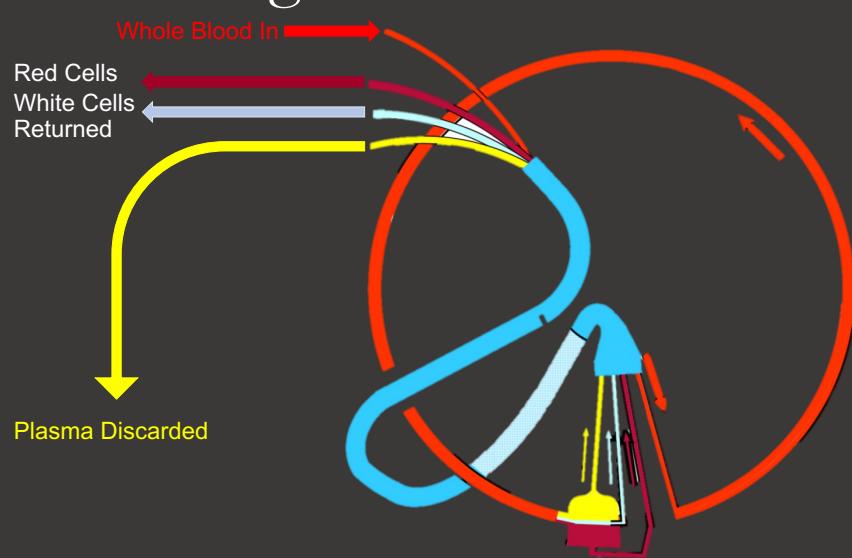
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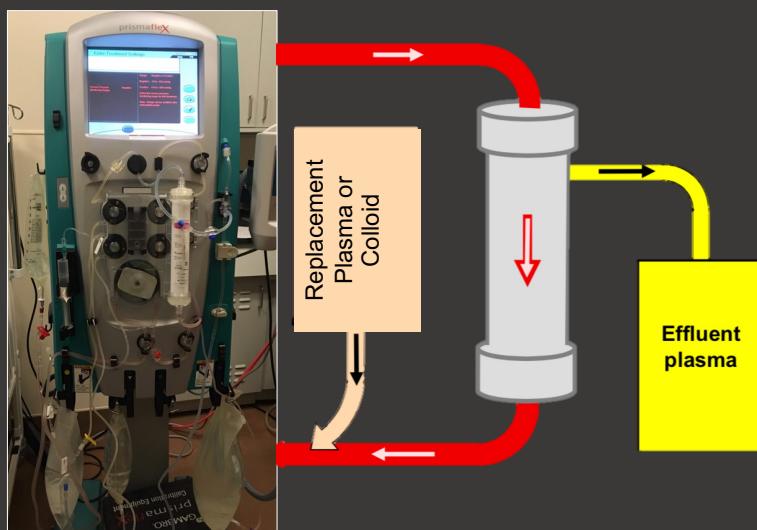
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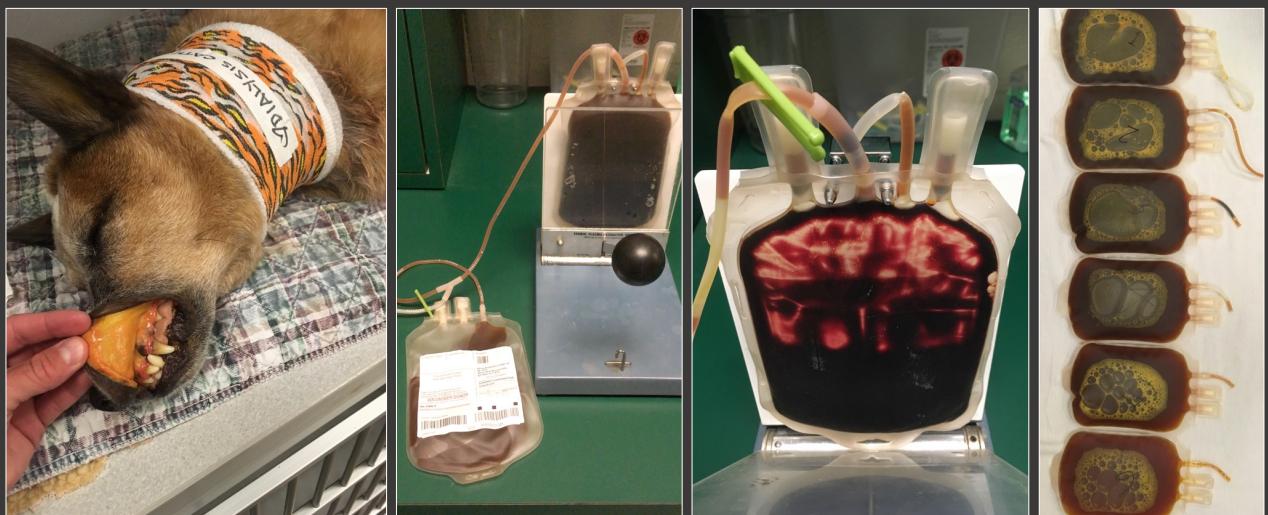
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TPE: Filtration



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TPE: Manual Centrifugation



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Extracorporeal Therapies in the Emergency Room and Intensive Care Unit



J.D. Foster, VMD

Table 1
List of common veterinary intoxications grouped by effective ECTR modality

Hemodialysis or Hemofiltration	Charcoal HP (Often Performed in Combination with HD)	TPE
Acetaminophen	Amanita toxins	Amanita toxins
Aspirin	Baclofen ⁵⁶	Carpopfen ⁶³
Aluminum ⁶⁷	Cannabinoids ⁵⁷	Deracoxib ⁵⁴
Baclofen	Cyclosporine ⁵⁸	Hyperbilirubinemia ^{64,65}
Bromides	Ibuprofen ⁴³	Ibuprofen ^{7,54}
Caffeine	Metaldehyde ⁵⁹	Meloxicam ⁴⁹
Diethylene glycol	Methotrexate ⁶⁰	Naproxen ^{54,66}
Ethanol ⁵⁵	Paraquat ⁶¹	Vincristine
Ethylene glycol ³⁴	Pentobarbital	
Isopropyl alcohol	Phenobarbital ⁶²	
Lithium		
Mannitol		
Metaldehyde ⁴⁹		
Methanol		
Metformin		
Methyl alcohol		
Theophylline		

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Tips for Referring

- Refer cases early
 - 8-12 hour maximum to intervene
- Don't draw blood from the jugular veins
- Call your local ECT specialists for prices and availability



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Conclusions

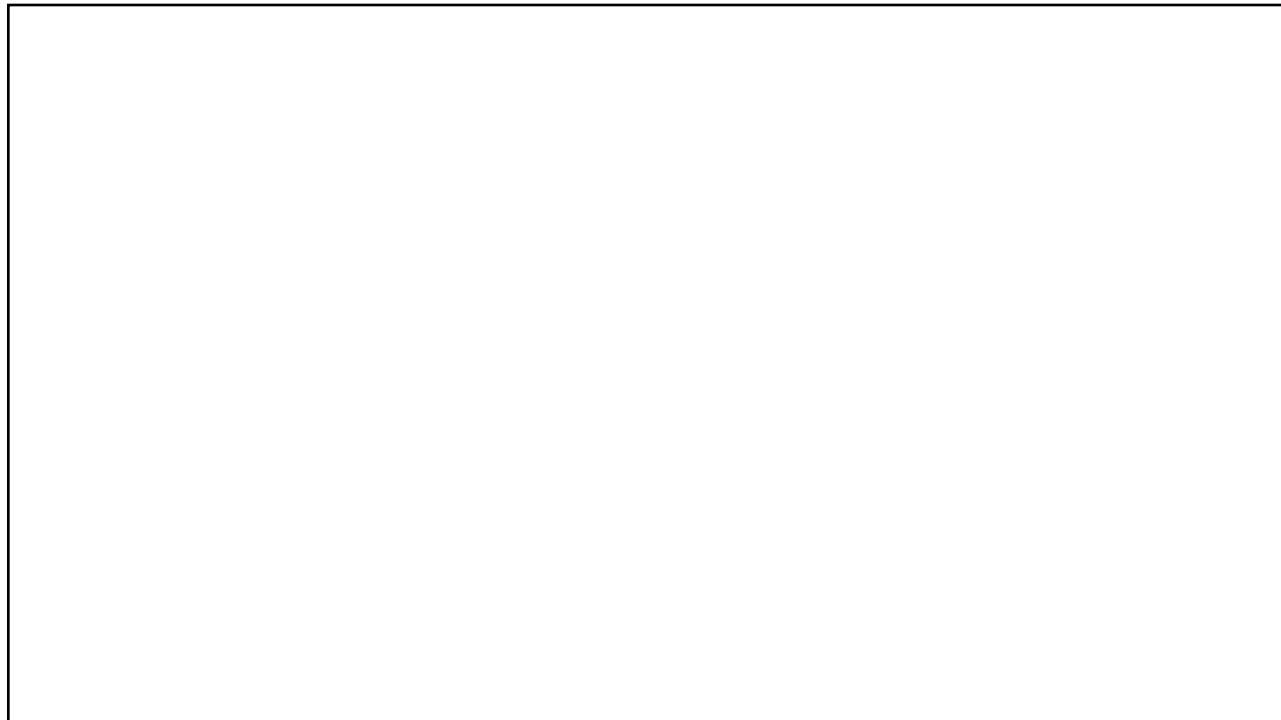
- Rapid and early intervention is key
- Toxin MOA and pharmacokinetics matter
- GI decontamination remains essential, even with extracorporeal therapy



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Gastrointestinal Decontamination

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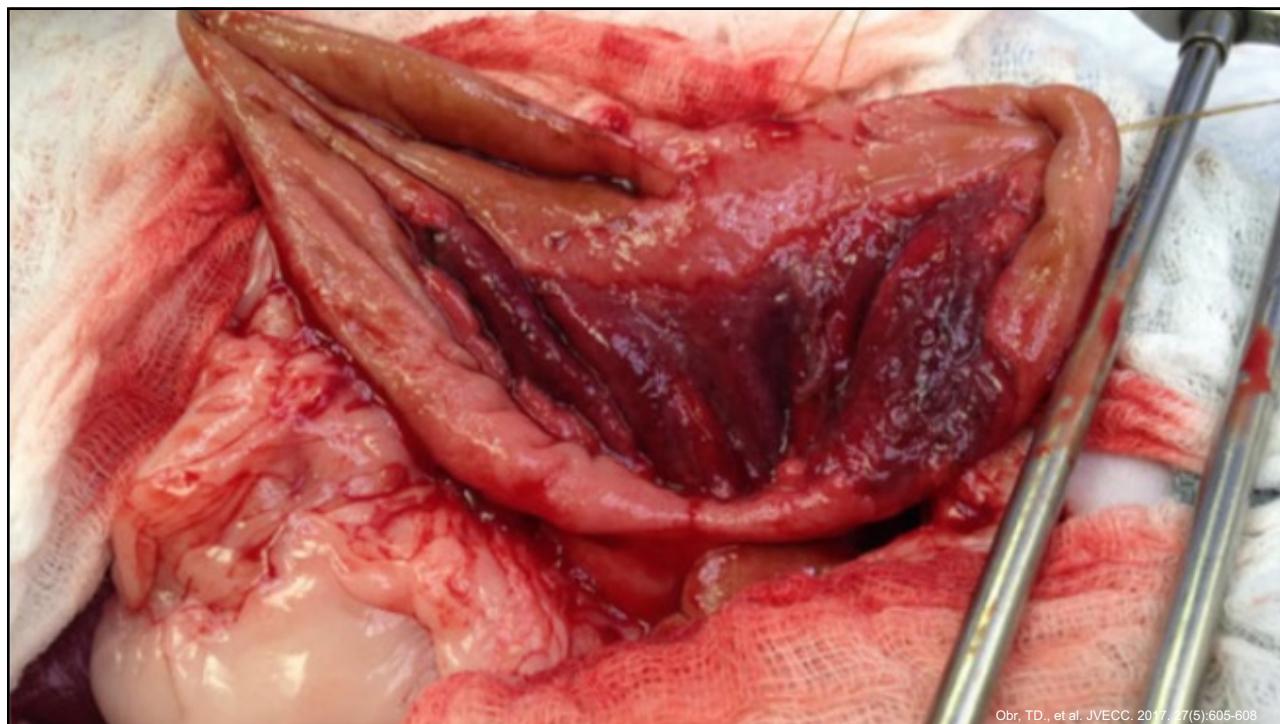


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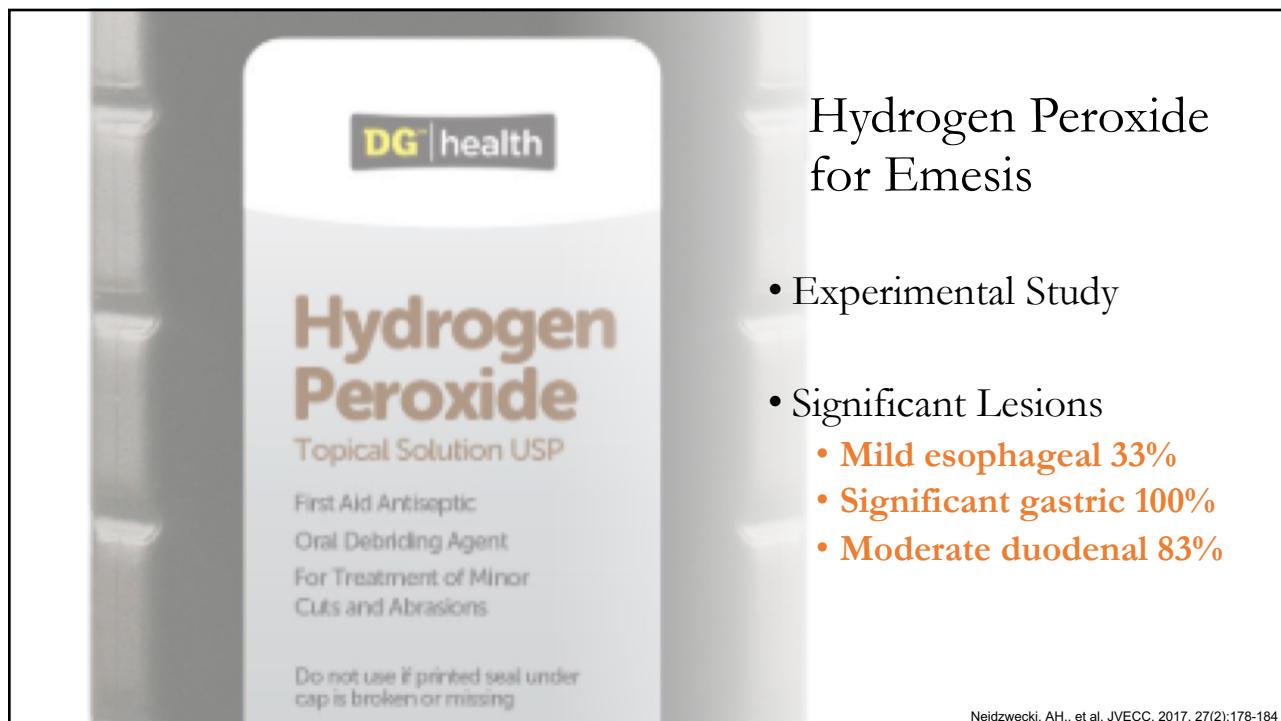
- Not Recommended
- **Fizzy** Hydrogen Peroxide
3%
 - 1-2 mL/kg
 - Max 50mL total per dog
- Nothing safe for cats

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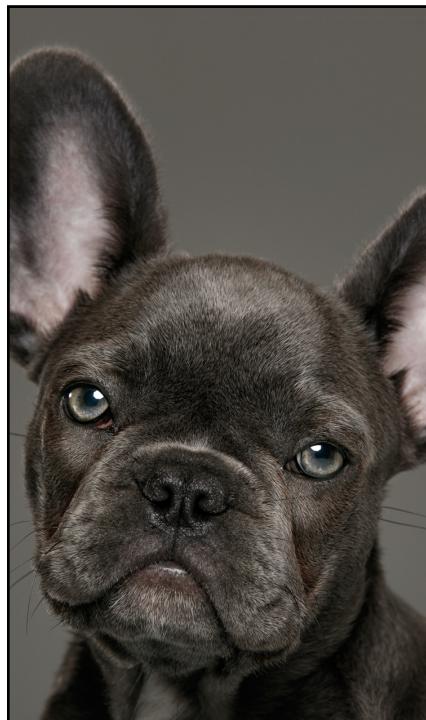
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GI Decontamination: Dogs

- Apomorphine: 0.02-0.04 mg/kg IV or IM
 - D2 Receptors in the CRTZ
- Reverse
 - Sedation: Naloxone
 - Vomiting: Maropitant
 - **Caution with ondansetron (?)**

Chen et al., Int J of Neuroscience. 2011. 121:45-52
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GI Decontamination: Dogs

- **Tranexamic Acid:** 50mg/kg IV
 - Anti-fibrinolytic agent
 - Tachykinin neurokinin 1 receptors
- Reverse
 - Vomiting: Maropitant

Kantyka et al., JVECC. 2017. 30:436-441
Kenshuke et al., J Vet Med Sci. 2017. 79(12)

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GI Decontamination: Dog

- **Clevor (ropinirole): ocular drop**
 - D2 receptors in the CRTZ
- Adverse Effects
 - Hypotension
 - Tachycardia
 - Tremors, ataxia

Body weight in kilograms	Body weight in pounds	Total number of eye drops	Example administration
1.8 - 5	4 - 11.1	1	1 drop into either left or right eye
5.1 - 10	11.2 - 22.1	2	1 drop each eye
10.1 - 20	22.2 - 44.1	3	2 drops in one eye and 1 drop in the other eye
20.1 - 35	44.2 - 77.2	4	2 drops in each eye
35.1 - 60	77.3 - 132.3	6	An initial dose of 2 drops in each eye, followed 2 minutes later by 1 drop in each eye
60.1 - 100	132.4 - 220.5	8	An initial dose of 2 drops in each eye, followed 2 minutes later by 2 drops in each eye

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GI Decontamination: Dogs

- Vomiting
 - Metoclopramide
 - Maropitant

- Dopaminergic Effect:
 - Metoclopramide

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CASE REPORT



Gastrointestinal obstruction secondary to activated charcoal granule impaction in a dog

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